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In re application of)
James Tulette) Art Unit
Application No.: 10/635,975) 3673
Filed: August 7, 2003) Examiner
For: PATIENT TRANSPORT BOARD) Michael Trettel

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004. In that action the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. patent 5,179,746, Rogers in view of U.S. patent 3,826,528, East. In addition the Examiner has objected to the drawings because FIG. 12 utilizes reference numbers for the embodiment shown that have been used in the figures showing another embodiment of the invention. In view of the following amendments the Examiner's objection to the drawings is deemed to be traversed and the claims as amended are believed to be allowable over ther cited references.